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<b>CLAIM OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS</b>	
The applicants claim small entity status for the above-identified application.	
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